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**HOOSICK FALLS, N.Y.** — The Village of Hoosick Falls has taken delivery of a temporary treatment system that, when installed at the municipal water treatment plant, will effectively reduce PFOA in the municipal water supply to safe drinking levels. The costs associated with leasing, installing and maintaining the temporary system will be paid for by Saint-Gobain Performance Plastic Company.

"The Village Board has been working diligently with our engineers and the New York State Department of Health to identify a treatment system that could be obtained and installed quickly, at no cost to local residents," said Village Mayor David Borge. "We are hopeful that, once confirmatory testing of the new system demonstrates the safety of the water, EPA will inform the community that it is acceptable to use the water for household purposes."

Upon learning of the elevated levels of PFOA in the municipal supply, Village officials asked engineers from MRB Group to perform a pilot study to determine if a Granular Activated Carbon filtration system (GAC) will effectively reduce PFOA in the water to safe drinking levels. The results were very positive, leading Village officials to conduct a nation-wide search to obtain the necessary equipment. A system became available from Calgon Carbon in Pittsburgh, PA, and Village trustees authorized Mayor Borge to enter into a lease agreement for the equipment on January 7, 2016, at a cost of \$300,000.

NYSDOH, which oversees operations at the municipal water supply, approved installation of the temporary system, until a permanent GAC system can be designed, approved and installed. Saint-Gobain also has agreed to fund installation and maintenance of the permanent system, contingent upon NYSDOH's approval.

The temporary system will be constructed on a concrete pad approximately 10 feet from the existing water treatment plant. It will be installed inside a heated enclosure to protect it from the elements. Water will be piped from the municipal supply wells to the existing water treatment plant, then through the new GAC filtration system, and out to local households via the existing 12-inch water main.